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SUMMARY: IN FIRST DAY OF US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO

ON LATIN AMERICA ATTENTIN FOCUSED ON US "DIALOGUE" WITH
LATIN AMERICANS AND JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH LA FOLLOWING
FORMER PM TANAKA'S 1974 VISIT TO MEXICO AND BRAZIL. TALKS
THEN CAUSED ON POLITICAL DURABILITY OF PERON GOVERNMENT
AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION DEBT RESCHEDULING,
AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN CHILE. JAPANESE INDICATED
GOJ WILL SOON SEND SEVERAL MISSIONS TO LA NATIONS TO
IMPROVE TIES. FOLLOWING SIGNAL FROM FRANCE, JAPAN WILL
RE-SCHEDULE DEBT WITH SANTIAGO. FOR POLITICAL AS WELL
AS TECHNICAL REASONS, ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILE SEEMS
DOUBTFUL. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING FIRST DAY SESSIONS OF MAY 27-28 THIRD US-JAPAN
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CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICAN LED BY LA ASST SECY WILLIAM
ROGERS, ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS DEP COORDINATOR HERMAN
KLEINE, AND OAS ALT REPRESENTATIVE FRANK MCNEIL AND FONOFF
DIRGEN CENTRAL AND SA BUREAU KUNIYOSHI DATE AND FONOFF

COLLEAGUES, ROGERS DISCUSSED FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF US-LATIN RELATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO NURTURE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, ETC, OUR MEASURED ATTITUDE TOWARD RESUMPTION NEW DIALOGUE MEETINGS AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENT OASGA AND MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. DIRGEN DATE RESPONDED WITH DISCUSSION OF JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH LA. JAPAN'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH LA, DATE SAID, ASPIRATIONS VIS-VIS JAPAN JAPAN MUST ALSO BE MINDFUL OF INCREASING INFLUENCE, ESPECIALLY OF MEXICO AND BRAZIL, IN INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE, ESPECIALLY OF MEXICO AND BRAZIL, IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AND OF GROWING NON-AMERICAN INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA. CHARACTERIZING FORMER PM TANAKA'S SEPTEMBER 1974 VISIT TO MEXICO AND BRAZIL AS ELEMENT OF GOJ'S STRATEGY FOR BUILDING TIES WITH LA, DATE INFORMED US OF SEVERAL ADDITIONAL MISSIONS PLANNED FOR SAME PURPOSE. JAPAN PLANS TO SEND A LARGE MIXED GOVERNMENTAL PRIVATE ECONOMIC MISSION TO ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY AND POSSIBLY URUGUAY IN MID JUNE. DEP PM FUKUDA IS SLATED TO VISIT BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA ALSO IN JUNE AND OTHER MINISTERIAL VISITS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. TO RECIPROCATATE TANAKA'S VISIT, BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT GEISEL IS EXPECTED TO VISIT JAPAN IN 1976. DATE ALSO STRESSED GROWING CULTURAL AND JOURNALISTIC EXCHANGE DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND LA, COMMENTING THAT FOUR MAJOR JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY ASSIGNED RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS TO BRAZIL.

2. FOLLOWING ASST SECY ROGERS' ANALYSIS OF THE SUCCESSFUL RECENT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, LA DIVISIONS DIRECTOR NAKASONE COMMENTED THAT JAPAN HAD NO GEOPOLITICAL INTERESTS IN LA BUT JOINED OAS AS OBSERVER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON LA AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE US AND AS POSSIBLE CHANNEL FOR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO LA DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THAT JAPAN PREFERRED MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, PARTICULARLY INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AVOID THE HIGH VISIBILITY WHICH HAS CAUSED JAPAN DIFFICULTIES IN SE ASIA. NAKASONE ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT.
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MENT THAT JAPAN, ALONG WITH OTHER OBSERVERS, WAS BARRED FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.

3. LEADING OFF DISCUSSION ON ARGENTINA, NAKASONE EMPHASIZED JAPAN'S DESIRE TO TRY TO MAINTAIN SAME ELEMENTS OF BALANCE IN RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND THOSE WITH BRAZIL DESPITE ENORMOUS DIFFERENCES IN BRAZIL'S FAVOR IN JAPAN, TRADE PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND NUMBER OF CITIZENS RESIDENT OF JAPANESE ORIGIN. NAKASONE NOTED ARGENTINA'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, ITS CULTURAL INFLUENCE IN REMAINDER OF SPANISH-SPEAKING LAN, AND GROWING TIES WITH THIRD WORLD. DESPITE "TERRIBLE ECONOMIC SITUATION" IN ARGENTINE, NAKASONE SAID

JAPAN DECIDED TO SEND ECONOMIC MISSION WHEN GOJ LEARNED
USG WAS CONSIDERING EXTENDING CREDITS TO GOA AND, HE
ADMITTED FRANKLY, AS GESTURE OF SUPPORT OT GOA. EVEN
THOUGH ARGENTINA IS NOT AN LDC, NAKASONE COMMENTED, GOJ HAS
PROVIDED (IN FORM OF REFINANCING) AND IS CONTEMPLATING LARGE
ODA SUPPLIER TO GOA. DESPITE ELEMENTS
OF INSTABILITY IN ARGENTIAN EQUATION, NAKASONE
PREDICTED INCREASING GENERAL STABILITY IN ARGENTINA SO
LONG AS GOA RETAINS SUPPORT OF ARMED FORCES. ROGERS
PROVIDED VIEWS ON ARGENTIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
SITUATION AND AGREED CHANCESFOR MME PERON TO COMPLETE
TERM SEEMED MODERATTELY GOOD, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE
ELEMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY. HE WELCOMED GOJ'S DECISON TO SEND
ECONOMIC MISSION TO BUENOS AIRES.

4. TURNNG TO CHILE, ROGERSS DISCUSSED RECENT EFFORTS TO
HELP CHILEAN EECONOMY THRUH IBRD LOANS, DEBT RESCHEDULING,
FINANCING THROUGH BY BANKS, AND US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
HE EXPLAINED THAT USG HASTAKEN A FORTHRIGHT STAND ON
QUESTION OF HUMAN RUGHTS N CHILE AT OSAGA AND EXPRESSED
HOPE CHILE'S NEW SECURITY LAW WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED
FAITHFULLY.

5. JAPANESE SIDE EXPLAINEDSOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUSLY THEIR
ATTITUDE TOWARD DEBT RESCHEDULING AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO GOC. NAKASONE SAID GOJWAS WAITING ON FINAL DECISION
OF FRENCH BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH RESCHEDULING CHILE'S DEBTS TO
JAPAN. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN UK AND DUTCH
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DEICISONS ON RESCHEDULING AND ASKEDTO BE KEPT USEFUL IN
DIET INTERPLELLATIONS. WE PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON
THIS.

6. REGARDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILE, DATE SAID
GOJ POLICY IN IBRD IS TO ABSTAIN ON LOANS TO CHILE
OSTENSIBLY ON BASIS OF CURRENT PROBLEMS RE CREDITWORTHINESS
OF CHILE'S ECONOMY. NAKAOSONE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
JAPANESE OFFICIAL EXPORT INSURANCE AND EXIM
SUPPLIER CREDITS COULD NOT LEGALLY BE EXTENDED TO CHILE OR
WHICH HAS RESCHEDULED DEBTS AND NOT COMPLETED PAYMENT
OF SUCH RESCHEDULED DEBTS. DESPITE
THIS TECHNICAL PROBLEM, NAKASONE TOLD US DIRECT GOVERNMENTT
LOANS HAD BEEN MADE TO PERU IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.
POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF SIMILAR LOAN CHANNELED PERHAPS

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THROUGH EX-IM BANK. NAKOSONE THEN REVEALED WHAT WE ASSUME TO BE REAL REASON FOR FONOFF RELUCTANCE -- OOPPOSITION IN BUREAUCRACY AND DIET. NAKASONE SAID BUREAUCRATS IN MITI AND FFNANCE MINISTRY GENERALLY OPPOSED ANY ADDITIONAL RESCHEDULING OF CHILE DEPT AFTER THIS YEAR AND OPPOSITON DIETMAN DEMAND THAT GOJ PROTEST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND EXTEND NO ASSISTANCE TO GOC. NAKASONE ADMITTED GOJ WAS TERRIBLY SENSITIVE TO WORLD OPINION. ASKED IIF FONOFF HAD TOLD GOC ABOUT POLITICAL PROBLEEM CHILE'S HUMAN RIIGHTS SITUATON CAUSED GOJ IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSITANCE, NAKASONE SAID NO.

7. AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION, ROGERS REPORTED ON PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. NOTING THAT JAPAN WAS IN FIRST PLACE AS DESTINATION OF ATLANTIC-TO-PACIFIC SHIPMENTS AND FIRST AS THE POINT OF ORIGGN PACIFIC-TO-ATLANTIC MOVEMENTS, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF US WAS MOVING DELIBERATELY TOWARD A NEW AAND ORE MODERN RELATIONSHIP. THAT RELATIONSHIP WOULD CONTEMPLATE PANAMA'S CONTROL OF THE CANAL AND THE END OF THE TREATY TERM. THE JAPANESEMADE CLEAR THA THEY WERE INTERESTED IN A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE CONTROVERSY AND TRUST AND EXPECT THAT THAT SOLUTION WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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BE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES. THEY INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO PRINCIPLE OOF PANAMANIAN CONTROL. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SECONDCANAL, IF ONE WERE EVER UNDERTAKEN.
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